

# MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR NEWS

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## Labor Criticizes Warren Stand on 'Hot Cargo' Bill

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

**San Francisco, Calif.**

In refusing to sign the "hot cargo" bill, thus permitting it to become a law without his signature, Governor Warren advanced a number of reasons which, in themselves, make an excellent case for vetoing this measure. That he chose not to do so is keenly disappointing to us in labor.

The Governor stated that it was impossible for him to sign the bill because of his views on its constitutionality. He reaffirmed his previous opinion of the "hot cargo" law, given when he was attorney general, to the effect that, insofar as it restricted the right of peaceful picketing, the measure was of doubtful constitutionality.

### CITIES COURT RULINGS

Buttressing this opinion, he explained that it was based upon certain decisions rendered by the United States Supreme Court, which placed the right of peaceful picketing within the constitutional guarantee of the right of free speech provided by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

In addition to this weighty evidence, the Governor pointed out that both the previous attorney general and the present one have questioned the constitutionality of the act. He noted, furthermore, that the Superior Courts of six counties have held the act unconstitutional in certain fundamental respects.

### "UNUSUAL CONCLUSION"

In spite of this overwhelming evidence and his own personal opinion, based on many years of law practice, the Governor reached what we believe to be a very unusual conclusion. Instead of vetoing the measure, he chose to permit it to become a law because, in his opinion, the State Supreme Court would soon rule on it. An additional and not inconsiderable factor was that the people had voted for it in 1942.

It is our firm opinion that the Governor's position and action on this measure should not have been withheld in anticipation of what the Supreme Court may do. Insofar as the vote of the people in 1942 is concerned, we believe it to be of little significance. The "hot cargo" measure they approved in 1942 was to apply to the war period only, and for this reason it is understandable why so many voted for it. There is little doubt in our mind but that it would have been decisively defeated if it had been proposed as a permanent law, just as a measure with similar sinister implications, the so-called "right to work" initiative petition, was emphatically rejected by the people in 1944.

### WARREN REPROACHED

We are not interested in placing this issue in the realm of politics, or engaging in a prolonged and useless argument which will not change or mitigate in the slightest the adverse consequences labor will suffer from this law as long as it remains on our statute books. Nevertheless, we feel thoroughly justified in reproaching Governor Warren for not having acted consistently with his convictions by vetoing this measure. It is a bad piece of legislation, and it discriminates against some of the basic rights of the wage earners of this state.

Now that the "hot cargo" bill has become a law, the California State Federation of Labor is more determined than ever to fight it with all of its resources until it is expunged from our statutes. This challenge flung down to the organized labor movement will not be ignored. Labor intends to exercise its legal rights to enforce its aims whenever circumstances make it necessary. No unconstitutional law will stand in the way of labor's fight to attain adequate wages, decent working conditions and job security.

This is our reply to the "hot cargo" law.

## NAM LETS CAT OUT

While the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) is doing its level best to bust labor unions and the workers' standard of living here in the United States, it is very much in favor of the Truman doctrine.

Recently in Buffalo, Robert R. Wason, chairman of the NAM board, had this very interesting comment to make:

"On April 23, the board voted its support of the proposed government aid to Greece and Turkey. The board also voted fiscal assistance to the economies of other friendly private enterprise nations. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE MEANS THE EXPORT OF GOODS, SHORTENING OF AMERICAN SUPPLY AND DRIVING UP PRICES AT HOME. This is one of the consequences of the Truman doctrine which President Truman doesn't seem to recognize or accept."

## Says Republicans Sold Out Worker For Slot Machine

Minneapolis, Minn.

Minnesota's Republican administration "sold more than 200,000 organized workers in the state down the river for 8,000 slot machines." So charged Labor Legislative Rep. John M. Jacobsen in telling the story behind the recent signing of two anti-labor bills by Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl.

"The deal was an open secret," Jacobsen said. "It was discussed up and down the corridors of the state capitol. It was even mentioned several times in the daily press."

The two bills—one banning the secondary boycott and the other making unions sueable—had passed both houses. The anti-slot machine bill was hung up in the Senate with every prospect of dying there.

At this point a delegation led by Sen. Charles Orr, reactionary majority leader, called upon the governor to sign the anti-labor measures. In return the governor called for senate passage of the anti-slot machine bill.

As soon as the senate reconvened, Orr, who seldom takes the floor, got up and spoke for the anti-slot machine bill. At the very same moment the governor signed the bill against the secondary boycott.

As in most states the AFL is ignoring the secondary boycott law at least until it is upheld by a court. Decision to seek a court test of both laws was voted at a meeting of the executive boards of AFL unions in the area.

## DEATH TAKES 2 LABORITES

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San Francisco, Calif. A serious blow was struck labor with the death of Brother Thomas C. Meagher, general organizer for the International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers, who died May 18, and Ray Gilston, a member of the same organization and an international organizer for the southern California area, who passed away on May 13.

Brother Ray Gilston was buried on May 17, the funeral services for him having been conducted at Mottell's Parlors in Alameda Street. He served as vice president of the California State Federation of Labor in 1931 and 1932.

Meagher is survived by his widow, Nonie; a son, Thomas C. Meagher, Jr., and two daughters.

The Federation deeply mourns the loss of these two veterans of the trade union movement, who devoted the prime years of their lives to its service.

## Labor Forced On Offensive By Enemies

Washington, D. C. American labor, on the defensive nationally since Pres. Roosevelt's second term, and under attack by the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and other big business groups, may soon be forced to take the offensive.

The defensive role of labor began when the tycoons of industry raised the slogans of "New Deal bureaucracy," of "boondoggling," and "reckless spending" in order to check the enactment of major New Deal legislation after 1938.

### 'AMERICAN WAY' GAG

Since the end of World War II the hue and cry of the NAM and its allies has increased under the general slogan of "defend free enterprise" and "the American way."

And more recently, the 80th Congress has permitted its major legislation to be sponsored by—and in some cases actually prepared by—the NAM-C. of C. forces.

In this classification we find the Taft-Hartley anti-labor bills, the Knutson tax bill (to "encourage venture capital"), the Wolcott rent-housing bill ("Give us a chance to produce homes") and so on.

All of these measures were pressured through on a faked up slogan that the Congress held a "mandate from the people" to "restore individual initiative" and to "curb labor monopolies."

### HAMMERING AWAY

With organized labor largely shut out of the press and radio, its job is now to find the weak or soft spots in the highly financed public-relations armor of the trusts and corporations and to hammer away at them, day and night.

In order to counter the attacks of big business, labor might well consider that "there is no mandate for government by big business."

Labor's answer might point out that it was "business statesmanship" which led this country to the Hoover depression and crash of 1929, that it was "business statesmanship" that knocked out OPA with the resulting price inflation since June, 1946.

Another sensitive spot in business circles today is the extremely high level of profits. Some corporate spokesmen call them "exceptional," while the New York Times' business writer, C. F. Hughes, calls them "fantastic and scandalous."

Business also has a fear today of returning to the national doghouse, but some of its leaders argue that despite the excessively high profits "it would be foolish not to take what the traffic can bear." This latter quote is from Hughes' column in the Times of May 11, 1947.

## Laundry Workers Open Union Drive In King City Area

Laundry Workers and Dry Cleaners Union 258 and 258-B of Salinas announced last week that organization meetings are being held at King City in an effort to bring unionism to the workers in these crafts in this city.

Business Representative J. W. Deen of the unions said he and other officials would attend the organizing meetings to explain the advantages of unionism.

## Seed Plant Iron Waited

Shipment of iron for use in construction of a new plant for Associated Seed Co. at Gonzalez was awaited this week so that construction might be continued, reported J. B. McGinley, business representative for the building trades council in the Salinas area. The iron was expected shortly, he added.

### Courtright Better

E. L. ("Pete") Courtright, secretary of the labor council at Salinas and business representative for Butchers 506 at Salinas, was reported recovered from the sudden illness which kept him at home for a few days recently. Extent of the illness was not reported.

## VOTE MONDAY AT SALINAS

City elections will be held at Salinas next Monday, June 2, with the campaigns for the city council heading the slate. Eight candidates seek three city council seats.

J. B. McGinley, business agent for Laborers Union 272 and prominent figure in Salinas civic affairs, active in government agency work during the war, is a candidate for city council.

All good residents of Salinas, especially those in labor unions, will be sure to vote next Monday in this important city election.

## Still No Wage Prospect for AGC Carpenters

Carpenters who come under the Northern California AGC agreement were discouraged last weekend as the expiration date of the existing contract neared (June 1) with no prospects for a renewal of the agreement with a suitable wage increase.

Negotiators for the State Council of Carpenters were meeting with AGC representatives, trying to arrive at a new wage rate after the unions rejected the 15-cent increase offered, holding out for a \$2 hourly rate through a 25-cent increase.

Work prospects for carpenters here are continuing good, with all members of Local 925 of Salinas employed, according to Business Agent George Harter.

## Fish Canners Negotiating On Machines

Negotiation meetings are being held between the Fish Canners Workers Union and the employer groups in regard a wage scale for packing machine operators, the reported last week.

Omar Hoskins, federal conciliator, has been called in to assist in the negotiations. It was agreed when machines first were installed that a "trial period" should be allowed, following which the effects of the machines on employment and other conditions would be considered in arriving at a wage rate for operators.

Fishing was somewhat slower last week with some anchovies and some more small sardines brought in, but with the pack far below the previous week, the union reported.

## DRY CLEANERS RECOGNIZE SALINAS UNION

Agreement of the Dry Cleaners Association of Salinas to recognize jurisdiction of Dry Cleaners Union 258 last week resulted in the withdrawal of pickets from the Market Dry Cleaners plant, reports J. W. Deer, union business representative.

The recognition covers the entire dry cleaning industry of Salinas and Alisal areas, Deer said. Negotiations for an industry-wide agreement are being started, he added, with assistance of International Representative Lawrence Palacios of the union.

## Mother Ill

Frances Dougwell, office secretary of Warehousemen's Union 890 of Salinas, was called to San Jose last Friday morning by the serious illness of her mother. Extent and nature of the illness was not learned.

## GOT A ROOM?

All hotel and motel space in Salinas has been reserved for the Rodeo, June 19 through 22, according to the Salinas Chamber of Commerce. Requests continue to come in for rooms, despite the fact that none is available.

Anyone who is willing to rent a spare bedroom to accommodate Rodeo visitors should get in touch with the Chamber of Commerce. Readers of the Monterey County Labor News are urged to help make this year's Rodeo an outstanding one by combatting the shortage of rooms.

Phone the Chamber of Commerce if you have an extra room you can rent to the visitors. Extent of the illness was not reported.

## J. B. McGINLEY IN RACE FOR SALINAS CITY BOARD; POLICY STATEMENT GIVEN

J. B. McGinley, business representative for the Salinas area for the Building Trades Council of Monterey County and also business agent for Salinas Laborers Union 272, has announced his program in connection with his candidacy for election to the Salinas city council. Election day is June 2 (next Monday).

McGinley, well known as a civic leader in Salinas, issued the following statement of his policy:

The community hospital project will come before the voters soon, and while I am in favor of it, only my vote as a private citizen will count.

If elected I will do all in my power to:

1. Build an underpass on Alisal Street. This should be a joint project with the Alisal District.

2. Offer Alisal and other non-incorporated adjoining areas the opportunity to join in building a bigger and better Salinas, and on a basis of fair representation on the Council.

3. Maintain maximum employment opportunities for those who work for a living. This means to encourage new industry to come here; to endeavor to use our present plants to the best advantage; to plan public works for periods of minimum private employment; to co-operate with civic organizations and other governmental agencies to the end that our payrolls are stable and that our citizens are not dependent upon public assistance or private charity.

4. Encourage the building of more homes for all our people. This is a job for private enterprise.

5. Use the USO building for the purpose it was originally built; as a meeting place for ex-servicemen at a rent that is fair and covers maintenance cost only. After our obligation to the veteran is fulfilled, I favor its use by non-profit organizations whose only objective is community betterment and for recreational purposes for all our citizens, especially our youth.

6. Give adequate attention to public health, juvenile delinquency—public morals and other social problems that cost our taxpayers money and detract from good citizenship.

7. Work for a street system that meets all our needs and insist on planning for the future of Salinas on a long term basis, rather than day-to-day.

I believe that what is good for greater Salinas is good for business, labor and the majority of the people.

I believe the people are entitled to know what its city government is doing and hopes to do. It is their city, not just mine and after all a councilman is a servant of the people.

I am pledged to honesty and frankness with the people. No secret deals or special privilege for any group or class.

I do not believe a city's function is to make money. I believe it should and must spend the taxpayers money wisely and prudently.

I believe in, and unalterably pledge myself if elected, to work with any person or group which will expedite the growth and increase the economic wealth, and further the well-being of our city.

I am for progress—orderly— sensible—well planned—needed programs.

I am entering this campaign as a citizen who sees need change. I have no axe to grind or anything to sell.

At the last meeting of the committee, at Teamsters Union 287 offices, good representation was reported and a good business meeting was held, with the signing of the Bray Electric Co. with the Electricians Union as highlight.

Building tradesmen in the Monterey area were reported as busy last week as the Fort Ord project continued at full speed. All carpenters were said employed, with need for a few more, and other crafts reported ample job openings on the job of reconditioning the barracks at Fort Ord into apartments.

The measure had been introduced to get around the U. S. supreme court decision in the Associated Press case, in which the high bench ruled that AP could not legally refuse to sell its service to the Chicago Sun.

## Painters 1104 Place Two Contractors on 'WDP' List

Two spray painting and whitewashing contractors of the Salinas area were declared on the official "We Don't Patronize" list of Painters Union 1104, and of the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas last week, reports Carl Lara, business agent for the painters.

A. H. Samson and M. H. Kerlee, both non-union and both attempting to secure work inside the Salinas city limits, thus competing against contractors under union contract, were declared on the "WDP" list, Lara said.

Both contractors were invited to come before the labor council and explain their position, but both declined to appear, choosing to be listed as "unfair" rather than try to come to terms with the union.

Local 1104 will hold annual elections of officers during June, Bro. Lara reported. First nomination of officers will be at the meeting of Tuesday, June 10, with second

nominations, election and installation at the meeting of Tuesday, June 24.

Abraham H. Winters of Salinas, father of Walter Winters, member of Painters 1104, passed away on May 18. Members of Local 1104 extend their sympathies to Bro. Winters for the death of his parent.

Conditions for union painters in the southern portion of the county continue to improve, Bro. Lara reports. Most of the non-union painters have come into the union fold at Gonzales and Soledad. Efforts to unionize all men and contractors at Greenfield and King City will be started shortly.

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## GIGGLES AND GROANS



There's the one about a lady who advertised for a butler who was 5 feet 8 inches tall, 38 waist, and who could wear trousers 32 inches in length. Smith, seeing the ad, found his physical make-up qualified him for the job. He applied, and the lady informed him that it was necessary that he should fit the above specifications. Her previous butler had passed away and it was decided to hire a man who could wear his clothes.

She proceeded to measure the applicant and found him O. K.

"But," she said, "we have another suit that our butler must wear, and in order that I may be assured that you can wear this suit it will be necessary for you to show me your ankle."

The applicant complied, and being satisfied that the ankle was just right, she asked him to raise his pants leg for a glance at his knee which, on inspection, was found to be to her satisfaction. Then she said:

"Now, please, show me your testimonial."

Not long after the man left and was heard to mutter to himself, "If I'd had a better education I think I would have gotten that job."

## JUST LIMBERING UP

The boss of a midtown hotel noticed some employees parading out in front during their lunch hour.

"What're you guys picketing for?" moaned the boss. "Our contract has three weeks to run!"

"Does it hurt you?" flipped a picket, "if we practice?"

## NO FANCY TRIMMINGS

Nelson Antrim Crawford tells of meeting a farmer in Kansas who said:

"That sure is a great school. It's practical. They don't teach no goddam grammar there."

## THESE MODERN HOMES

The manager of the building firm stared in amazement at the scene of desolation. "Whatever's happened?" he asked his foreman.

The foreman scratched his head in perplexity.

"As soon as we started to take the scaffolding away the whole building collapsed," he explained.

"You idiot," snapped the manager. "Didn't I tell you not to touch the scaffolding until the wall paper was up?"

## PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

"Take the parrot outside, honey," mother said to her daughter. "Your father will be back from the ball game soon, and his favorite team has just taken a good licking."

## THE RIGHT JOINT

"Did 'oo forget your wench?" the cutie lisped to the plumber who was fooling around beneath the sink.

"No, baby," he replied. "I'll get around to you in a few minutes."

## GUESS RIGHT, BUB!

The Brown had recently moved from a large city to a small town in the same state. Anxious to take part in the coming election; Mr. Brown inquired of the village clerk:

"How long must a man remain in this town before he can vote?"

"What ticket?" asked the village clerk.

## THE CROWNING INSULT

They tell about a dentist who, after long and futile efforts to collect a bill for false teeth he had made for a patient, finally took the matter to court. Facing the judge as one whose exasperation had reached its height, the dentist exclaimed:

"Not only did the patient refuse to pay me, your Honor, but he had the effrontery to gnash at me with my teeth!"

## Month's Strike Wins Building Trade Increase

Denver, Colo.

Home and commercial construction was resumed here recently after a month's tie-up as AFL building trades unions won wage increases ranging from 15¢ to 35¢ an hour.

Unions working directly for contractors settled for a 17½% hourly boost. Electricians and painters won 15¢ increases and plasterers and lathers settled for 35¢ in separate agreements. Although still bargaining for an increase, the bricklayers, cement finishers, glaziers, linoleum layers and tile and marble setters joined in the return to work.

The tie-up began a week after the unions' contracts with the builders expired April 1. Some unions adopted resolutions that their members would not work for employers who had not signed new agreements and the contractors countered by closing down their jobs.

Union leaders said that at no time was more than one-third of the industry shut down. Agreements reached with independent contractors; they said, kept a major part of the industry rolling.

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## UNION DOCTOR...

## BY THE PHYSICIANS FORUM

Through long and sometimes bitter years of struggle, American workers have come to realize that in union there is strength. Through organized efforts, in which the single worker found a powerful group voice, the unions have brought about better wages, social security benefits, improved job conditions and thereby, improvements in the American standard of living.

In a very direct way, then, the unions have contributed to the health of workers and their families because health is purchasable. The amount of illness in a family decreases when the income of that family rises. By achieving bigger pay checks, safer and more sanitary working conditions and some assurance of regular employment, the forces of organized labor have done more for the health of the nation than is usually realized.

Today the unions are fighting an all-out battle for their very existence as free and effective agents. And the Taft-dominated Congress, in its efforts to smash unions, is striking directly at the health of all workers. It is just a bitter unconvincing, then, to see a Taft so-called health bill in the legislative hopper.

**HEALTH AND WAGES**

Good health depends upon decent wages in two fundamental ways. In the first place, under the current system of health care in the U. S., the family of the sick person must have enough ready cash to pay for the costly services of modern medicine, just at the time when the illness may have shut off the family income.

Studies have shown that the poorest families get the least medical service, although they have the greatest burden of illness. The National Health Survey in 1936 revealed that families with annual incomes under \$1,000 had 40 percent more general illness and 75 percent more chronic illness than those whose incomes were \$2,000 a year or more. Illness not only occurred more often but was also more serious and lasted longer in the lower income groups.

## WHAT POVERTY MEANS

In the face of this burden of ill-health, the families with less than \$1,000 income were able to spend an average of only \$40 a year for medical care, while the richest families spent an average of no less than \$800 a year.

As income rises the ability to build good health increases, and as income rises the ability to get good medical care when illness does strike also increases. The fact must be faced by every worker, as well as by the union-wreckers, the price-raisers and the anti-housing bloc, that the nation's health depends on the income of its working families. And workers know that their union strength is the protector of their family budgets.

**LET'S ALL SHED A TEAR FOR PATIENT PETER**

Let's all shed a tear for Patient Peter. He decided to hold his breath until sole American politician followed the example of Havana's mayor, who committed suicide because he couldn't keep a campaign pledge.

I always use the right voice for telling risque jokes—GROUCHO MARX.

## Machinists Vote On Affiliation Known in July

Washington, D. C.

A final tabulation in mid-July will determine whether the Int'l. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) will or will not return to the AFL.

Members of the IAM will vote during June whether to go back to the AFL or take the advice of Pres. Harvey W. Brown and remain independent.

Brown, in an article in the current issue of the Machinists Monthly Journal, charged that "at this juncture the AFL executive council is resorting to a familiar theme. The council alleges that more would be accomplished if the machinists were within the house of labor." This is, however, nothing more or less than the device that enticed us back to the AFL in 1943.

The IAM's 600,000 members are given the question of re-affiliation with the AFL by their executive council without recommendation other than from Brown. The council said it believed this question represented the "final offer" from the AFL.

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**STATEMENT OF POLICY OF J.B. McGINLEY**

## Oakland Clerks Strike Ends as Parleys Set to Discuss Scales

Oakland, Calif.

A 7-month strike against the Kahn and Hastings department stores was settled here as AFL retail clerks won bargaining rights for all 27 stores in the traditionally open Oakland Retail Merchants Assn.

The 400 Kahn and Hastings strikers will go back to work without discrimination or loss of seniority and with maintenance of membership, main issue in the long dispute. A master contract covering 5,000 employees in all 27 association stores will cover the settlement terms and will run for one year. Local 1265, Retail Clerks Int'l. Assn., is recognized as sole bargaining agent for all association stores.

Other provisions in the interim agreement assure the clerks one of the best contracts in the department store field, Int'l. Sec. James Suffridge said. The wage issue will be negotiated shortly and increases will be retroactive to May 9.

The strike, forced on the union when the employers began an open campaign of firing and intimidating union members, brought the clerks widespread support from both the AFL and CIO. High point in the dispute was a 2-day sympathy strike by all AFL unions in the area last December to protest police herding of scabs through the clerks' picket lines.

## Modern Mother Goose

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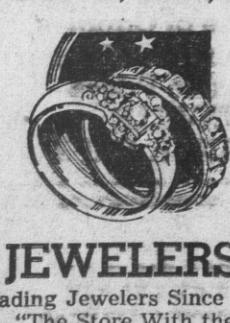
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## CLERKS VOTE FULL RIGHTS FOR NEGROES

Cincinnati, Ohio  
Full and equal membership rights were extended to Negroes by delegates to the Bro. of Railway Clerks (AFL) convention here in a 100 to 35 vote.

The action followed a 2-hour debate in which union officials pointed out that the railway clerks was one of the few remaining AFL unions that still had discriminatory provisions in its constitution.

In an attempt to mollify southern delegates, Pres. George Harrison said: "We are not trying to set up social equality, we are trying to establish economic equality."

J. B. Jesse, chairman of a special 54-man committee assigned to study the problem, explained that if the union insisted on depriving Negroes of equal membership rights, it would be unable to operate in New York state because of an anti-discrimination law there.

"We have to do this in our own way or have it done for us," Jesse said. "We didn't seek it. It sought us. We can't solve it by running away from it."

The resolution finally adopted approved a change in the constitution removing the word "white" wherever it abrogated the full rights of members of any race. Affected by the decision are some 23,000 Negroes who have been segregated in auxiliary locals and deprived of a voice in union affairs. They will now have the right of full participation in union activities and may send delegates to the international conventions.

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IMPORTANT: To all of our members—All of our agreements have clauses written in them which requires that all employers shall notify you prior to the starting of any processing season to come to work in the order of seniority, which means in cases such as the seed houses, the canneries, Dempsey-Hudson, Spiegel Foods, that they notify you to give you an opportunity to take the job before any new help is hired. All of these plants Foods are subject to reopening during the month of June or July.

Your Union suggests in the meantime you register with the Union office for any employment that may be available.

It is also important that you pay your dues at the Union office whenever possible, so that the Business Agent may devote all of his time to taking care of grievances and to organize. For any of our members who live out of town our Union has self-addressed envelopes for this purpose, many of our members who are not able to come to the office have been paying their dues by mail. In many cases dues are paid quarterly and in that manner their good standing with the Union is assured.

We have to do this in our own way or have it done for us," Jesse said. "We didn't seek it. It sought us. We can't solve it by running away from it."

The resolution finally adopted approved a change in the constitution removing the word "white" wherever it abrogated the full rights of members of any race. Affected by the decision are some 23,000 Negroes who have been segregated in auxiliary locals and deprived of a voice in union affairs. They will now have the right of full participation in union activities and may send delegates to the international conventions.

**IMPORTANT, SHOP STEWARDS**  
In a short time a shop steward's manual (vest pocket size) will be given to all of the stewards so that they may coordinate their efforts in performing their duties as a steward; in the meantime the following requirements are to be followed:

(1) Report any one who is not a member of the Union to the office immediately, by telephoning Salinas 4893. Because all of our contracts require time limit after which all persons on the job must become and remain members of the Union.

(2) Familiarize yourself with the agreement, one of which should be posted on the Company's Bulletin Board. In many instances vest pocket editions of our agreements are procurable at the Union office.

(3) It is most important that you give all grievances your first consideration, understanding all times that the fair and impartial steward will consider both the company's position and the Union member's position; in some instances we may be in the wrong.

(4) Any grievance which can not be handled between yourself and your immediate foreman should be recorded and filed with the Union office immediately and let the Union handle it from them on.

If these simple methods described herein are adhered to the duties of the steward will be simplified.

**ALL PRODUCE DRIVERS**  
An organization drive insofar as coordinating the efforts of all of the drivers in this industry is gradually being accomplished. Meetings are being held for every barn, and shop stewards are being elected for every job wherever one is needed. Due to present conditions it is most important that this be done in order that we may strengthen our position insofar as our agreements are concerned. During the month of June a special meeting will be called for this entire group. All produce drivers will be notified as to time and place.

**POLITICAL NOTE**  
If you have been a reader of this column in the past you will recall the many arguments offered by your Union in behalf of people who are nominated to office, but failed to get elected because they were not registered to vote or failed to vote although eligible. Organized labor in Salinas has a candidate for City Councilman whose name is J. B. (Mac) McGinley, a member of organized labor in this area for many years. Your Union feels that someone from the ranks of labor which goes to making up a great portion of this community should elect a man with the character of Mr. McGinley so that the affairs of our city government can be best handled. Brother McGinley's record is outstanding in that he has always been fair, impartial and has given a great portion of this time to programs where it concerns the welfare of the community.

Your Union recommends to all of its members who are eligible to vote in Salinas to give Brother McGinley their first consideration when voting for City Councilman at the election to be held in Salinas on June 2nd next.

**LAPSED INSURANCE**  
Nearly 40,000 veterans of World War II in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii have reinstated lapsed National Service Life Insurance policies with a total value of \$267,124,500, the Veterans Administration reported today.

There are now approximately 300,000 veterans of World War II in the three states and Hawaii who are carrying G.I. insurance. Approximately 1,000,000 veterans in the same area have allowed their insurance to lapse.

**HELP FOR DEAF VETS**  
Facilities for the rehabilitation and readjustment of veterans who lost their hearing in the service have recently been expanded by the San Francisco Regional office of the Veterans Administration.

There are approximately 1200 hard-of-hearing veterans in Northern California whose disabilities were incurred in the service.

Every effort is made by the VA Special Rehabilitation Procedures Unit, Education and Training section, to aid the hard-of-hearing veteran in his adjustment to a normal business and social life.

Veterans whose hearing is only partially impaired are equipped with special hearing aids. A special study is made of the veteran's case history, background, education and experience in order to help place him in a job that will not irritate or aggravate his disability and where his disability will not be a hindrance.

Several hundred of our members have called at the Union office for their insurance certificates and in some cases correction in beneficiaries and changes of addresses were noted. We have, however, a number of policies in the office, and we would appreciate your calling at the Union office in Salinas for them and if in Watsonville at the Watsonville office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These certificates assure all of our members in good standing a group life insurance, the cost of which would be prohibitive if taken out individually. All of our members, regardless of age, are covered under a master blanket policy with the Union by the West Coast Life Insurance Company of California for

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## MINUTES Central Labor Council MAY 20, 1947

The meeting was called to order by President McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of six delegates from five locals. Regular officers present were President McCutcheon and Secretary-Treasurer Edwards.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The picture of former president of the Council, Bud Tothammer, who was killed in the war, was delivered. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the bill for same, \$9.73 be paid.

At the request of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the SUNSHINE BISCUIT COMPANY be placed on the "WE DON'T PATRONIZE" list of this Council.

Various communications were presented and considered.

The Bartenders reported that they had had a picnic at Big Sur on the day of the school election. Everybody had a good time.

The Butchers reported no meeting since last report.

The Carpenters reported a good meeting.

General discussion followed the reports of delegates. One delegate expressed the opinion that the danger from communism was not from Russia but from the abuses of capitalism within our own country.

The financial report was read and the meeting adjourned.

**WAYNE EDWARDS,**  
Sec.-Treas.

## Finn - Canadian Paper Cartel Will Be Probed

Washington, D. C.

A federal grand jury meeting in New York City has been asked to investigate charges that a Canadian-Finnish newsprint cartel is deliberately "seeking to starve the American press of necessary newsprint to make it pay higher prices."

Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) made the original charge on the basis of document he will offer the grand jury. He said it showed the workings of a cartel for the exploitation of the American public."

California, with 1,224,000 veterans of all wars, has the third largest veteran population among the 48 states, the Veterans Administration reported today.

New York state is first with 1,870,000 veterans and Pennsylvania second with 1,391,000.

The total veteran population of the United States is 18,188,000. Of this number, 14,267,000 served in World War II and the remainder, 3,921,000, in the four prior wars and in the peacetime forces.

The Washington, D. C. office of the Veterans Administration estimates there are 890,000 veterans of World War II in California and 334,000 veterans of other wars.

The Branch 12 area of VA, with headquarters in San Francisco, includes California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii. The total veteran population of the area is 1,359,000. Arizona has 78,000, Nevada 25,000 and Hawaii 32,000.

**DEDICATE NURSERY**

The Ethel M. Flynn memorial nursery for the children of veteran patients at the Livermore Veterans Administration hospital will be dedicated by officials of the California Department, American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Flynn died January 28, 1946, on a transcontinental train while returning to California from a trip to Indianapolis, Ind., and Washington, D. C.

Funds for the memorial nursery were donated by units of the auxiliary throughout the state.

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## Hotel Workers Given Million Dollars in Insurance Benefits

New York City

Union hotel workers and their families received more than a million dollars in insurance and hospital benefits in the past two years, the second annual report of the New York Hotel Trades Council (AFL) Hotel Assn. Insurance Fund disclosed.

Exact amount paid out was \$1,056,041.48. The plan, financed by hotel employers through a 3 percent levy on their weekly payrolls, went into effect March 1, 1945. Total number of persons to whom benefits were paid was 6,431. During the second year, the highest number of disability claims in any one category—660—was paid to maims.

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## AFL Committee Named to Settle Hollywood Beefs

Washington, D. C. After a 2-day conference on means to settle the 30-month old jurisdictional dispute between the stage hands and building trades unions in Hollywood, a group of 14 AFL international leaders gave the assignment to a committee of five members.

The meeting held at AFL headquarters here, decided unanimously to draft a plan to stop all jurisdictional strikes in the movie capital.

Under the outline adopted, the committee will study all phases of the jurisdictional question, analyze causes of disputes among the studio unions, draft plans for settlement of all future disputes and submit it for the approval of all national and international unions involved.

AFL Pres. William Green, who presided over the sessions, said the special committee will start work immediately. He declared it "was unanimously decided that the time has come for action which will effectively prevent any further jurisdictional disputes in the Hollywood studios. . . . I feel that a great deal of progress has been accomplished."

Named to the special committee were the following presidents: Daniel W. Tracy, Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers; Dan J. Tobin, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters; Richard F. Walsh, Intl. Alliance of Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators; Lawrence P. Lindelof, Bro. of Painters and Decorators, and Paul Dussell, Associated Actors and Artistes of America.

Pres. William L. Hutcheson of the Bro. of Carpenters, whose members are involved in a dispute with the stage hands over \$5 million worth of set construction in Hollywood, did not appear at the conference.

## The Good Old Days

A man entering an office (in western occupation zone, Germany) raised his hand and shouted "Heil Hitler." The office staff upbraided him.

"Why shouldn't I use the old greeting when I see all the old, familiar faces here?" he replied—NEUES DEUTSCHLAND.

## The Spreading Disease

A six-year-old was taken to church for the first time. After she returned home her uncle asked her how she liked church. She answered: "I liked the music okay but the commercial was too long."

For what, if not to make peace among men, are all the advances of science?—JOSE MARTI, Cuban patriot.

## Commerce Body Says Pay Boosts Can Only Hike Cost of Living

Washington, D. C. Raising wages to meet "increases in living costs will only accelerate the advance of the cost of living," while "keeping a ceiling over profits would remove the incentive and destroy the means of financing" giant business projects.

That, in brief, is what the Chicago Assn. of Commerce and Industry says in 54 pages of an "Analysis of the Nathan Report" released here. The Nathan report called for higher wages coupled with price and profit control.

## How to Settle Labor Problem: Can the Worker

Atlantic City, N. J. Board Chairman Robert N. Watson of the Nat'l. Assn. of Manufacturers calmly advised a manufacturers convention here that one of the ways to assure continued profits is to "reduce your organization if possible."

Calling in passing for a reduction in prices, Watson warmly assured his audience that "we are not working our way toward a depression—we are working our way out into a fully competitive market."

If the U. S. should happen to run into a depression, he said, it will only be because the government is backing labor's campaign for higher wages, is supporting agricultural subsidies and high taxes.

Sharing the spotlight with Watson was Dexter M. Keezer, director of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.'s economics department. Concurring in Watson's optimism, Keezer said the nation is at present enjoying a boom in non-durable goods which should end this year, to be followed by a boom in durable goods.

Between the two booms, he said offhandedly, "I would not be surprised to see . . . temporary unemployment of several million."

## Really Got Action!

The president of a concern thought he would pop up his office staff a bit. So he bought some signs reading: "Do It Now" and tacked one in a conspicuous place in each office. In a couple of weeks his cashier had absconded with a big load of cash, the office boy had married the big-shot's secretary, the chief clerk had left his wife and ran off with a girl car-hop, the president's own son had eloped with a circus acrobat, the switchboard operator had sued the president for breach-of-promise and the auditor had beaten the vice president to a pulp.

## Pacific War Story Told

A detailed and exciting history of war operations in the Pacific area against the Japanese is made available to the reader in "BATTLE REPORT, Pacific War: Middle Phase." (Rinehart & Co., 232 Madison Ave., New York, \$5.)

This book, prepared from official sources by Captain Walter Karig and Commander Eric Purdon of the U. S. Navy, is the third in the Battle Report series issued by Rinehart and maintains the excellent standard set by the others. It is not only highly readable but will be considered an important reference book for future historians.

The account starts with the decisive Coral Sea battle and records naval operations against the Japanese up to and including the action at Empress Augusta Bay. Those who served in the Navy during this exciting period will find the Karig-Purdon report a vivid reminder of their own experiences. Midway, Solomon Islands, Savo, Makin (with Carlson's Raiders), Santa Cruz Islands, Guadalcanal—all these were prominent in screaming headlines at the time. Part III of the book is devoted to action in the Aleutians, and covers operations at Dutch Harbor, Amchitka, the Komandorskis, Attu and Kiska.

Excellent maps and some 80 full pages of superb photographs make this account unbeatable. It is difficult to imagine a better report of operations in that period being written, and for sheer thrills it has no fiction work backed by the boards.—A.E.S.

## Off the Beam

An English colonel was retired from service after serving many years in India. Back in London, in mirth, he meets his batman (orderly) while strolling through Piccadilly. After greetings have been exchanged the colonel is surprised to learn that the batman has also been discharged from the army, and offers him a job as valet. The colonel explains that it is just the same as in the army. "You take care of me just as you did as a batman." The colonel's persuasion gets results, he makes a deal with the batman, gives him the keys to his home, and instructs the batman to awaken him at seven the next morning. Right on time to the minute, the next morning the batman walks into the colonel's bedroom, shakes him and says:

"Get up, sir, it's 7 o'clock." Then he reaches over, hits the colonel's wife on the lower extremities and hollers, "All right wench, back to the village."—JACK HALEY, in Variety.

## Says Recent Elections Indicate People Are Fed Up With Congress

Washington, D. C. Halling the results of recent municipal elections in New Jersey, Minnesota and California where labor-supported candidates were elected, PAC Director Jack Kroll said they are "proof of the American people's angry opposition to the labor legislation recently passed in Congress."

Citing the activity of labor on the winners' side in Minneapolis, Oakland, Hoboken and Passaic, Kroll said the returns "show clearly that the voters do not want legislation outlawing the legitimate activities of American unions."

"The results show too," he said, "that there is a growing awareness on the part of industrial workers that the drive against labor can only be met through political action."

## And Six of 'Em Actually Voted To Exterminate Union Members!

Austin, Tex. The Texas house of representatives was thrown into an uproar when one of its members introduced an amendment ordering the execution by firing squad of all union members.

The farcical amendment, offered by Rep. Hydrick of Marshall, declared that "all labor unions are hereby abolished and their property and assets confiscated and all members lined up against a rock wall and executed by firing squad and their families sent to concentration camps."

Hydrick tacked the proposal onto a bill outlawing sympathy strikes as a symbol of what this violently anti-union session of the Texas legislature really has in mind. Eight legislators actually voted for the amendment, but 63 voted it down. The legislators then worked themselves into an acute case of parliamentary jitters over how to erase the hoax proceedings from the records. On the advice of the parliamentarian, a quorum was rounded up and the amendment was withdrawn.

## State Cannery Council Accepts New Contract

San Francisco, Calif. The new contract between the State Council of Cannery Workers and the California Processors and Growers, providing for 11½ to 16½ hourly raises, was accepted by the council here by a 4,494 to 1,695 vote. San Jose and Sunnyvale rejected the contract but it will nevertheless cover 60,000 northern California workers.

## Discuss Movie Strikes



An executive board member of the Screen Actors Guild (AFL), Edward Arnold, who plays those suave roles on the screen, isn't acting in this picture as he chats with AFL President William Green about jurisdictional strikes in the movie industry. After a two-day conference between stage hands and building trades union representatives a committee was assigned to draft a plan to end Hollywood's jurisdictional disputes. (Federated Pictures)



By MARTY SOLOW

Hoover Dam. That's the new name for America's world-famous Boulder Dam. And when Congress recently okayed this change, newspapers applauded and said it was about time. They claimed that Boulder Dam should have been rightfully named Hoover Dam all along.

Here's the story: The bill for Boulder Dam was proposed and shepherded through Congress by California's Sen. Hiram W. Johnson in 1926. It was signed by Pres. Coolidge—and was called Boulder Dam. A movement under Pres. Hoover to change the name to Hoover Dam never got any place.

The project was built by the Interior Dept. and completed by the Roosevelt administration. Furthermore, Hoover has been a life-long opponent of this type of public power project.

However, people say that the switch is OK since Dam and Hoover seem to go well together!

## THAT 'FREE PRESS'

Any time a congressman is pro-labor you can be sure the press will "give him the business." That's what United Press correspondent Lyle C. Wilson did on April 21 when he wrote: "Sen. Claude Pepper showed up today as a contributing columnist to a weekly newspaper which has most of the markings of a Communist-front publication."

A simple telephone call to the senator's office in Washington could have given the UP correspondent this information: The column is distributed free by Pepper's office to a total of 245 newspapers, 32 radio stations and over 100 individuals.

UP was forced to apologize for the smear—but the apologies received little space as compared with the original story.

## 'CANNED LIES'

Canned lies. That's what newspapers throughout the country are feeding their readers on the Wagner-Murray-Dingell health bill. These canned lies appear in a series of canned editorials distributed free by a strong organized opposition to national health insurance.

The Committee for the Nation's Health (1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y.), which includes William Green, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Bishop Francis J. McConnell on its list of sponsors, has exposed some of these lies for this column.

The latest editorial, which appears intact in such papers as the Niagara Falls (N. Y.) Gazette, the Greenville (Ill.) Advocate and the West Orange (N. J.) Chronicle, is as follows:

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